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DEVICE

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the non-Final Office Action dated December 28, 2005, the period for response to which extends through February 28, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.